

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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LICENCE FOR PLUCKING 'TENDU LEAVES'

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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inspite of the stringent laws retarding plucking of 'tendu leaves' the same are being openly plucked;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action being taken by the Government against such people;
- (d) whether the Government has issued licences for plucking 'tendu leaves; and
- (e) if so, the number of people holding such licence in the country as on date?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

- (a) Plucking of 'tendu leaves' is not restricted in the State of Madhya Pradesh whereas in Maharashtra plucking by the appointed licensee is allowed, as per their existing Rules and Regulations. Moreover, plucking of twigs of tendu plants and plucking of saplings is not allowed. No such incidences have been reported in violation of the State laws in these three largest tendu producing States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh.
- (b) The question does not arise.
- (c) The question does not arise.
- (d) No license is being issued for plucking of 'tendu leaves' in Madhya Pradesh whereas in Maharashtra, the appointed licensee in his area is allowed to pluck the tendu leaves as per the terms and conditions of the contract. No license is needed for the plucking of tendu leaves in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Plucking and trade of tendu leaves are being regulated by the States through their State Acts/Rules.
- (e) The question does not arise.